## **KEOKUK JUNCTION RAILWAY CO.**

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Vernon A. Williams, Secretary Surface Transportation Board 1925 K Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Docket. No. AB-6 (Sub. No. 431X)

## **Dear Secretary Williams:**

On September 18, 2006 the "Farmington Rails to Trails Coalition" filed a Request for Public Use Condition and Request for Interim Trail Use for the portion of the BNSF Yates City subdivision between MP 52.58 and 51.58 (a distance of one mile). A portion of this line (between MP 52.2 and MP 52.58) has already been leased to Keokuk Junction Railway Co., d/b/a Peoria & Western Railway (See FD No. 34918). It was the intention of BNSF to modify the mileposts of the abandonment when it filed its consummation notice. Therefore, KJRY respectfully requests that any trail use request for the portion of the line between MP 52.2 and MP 52.58 be denied. In the alternative, KJRY requests that it be permitted to late-file an Offer of Financial Assistance to acquire that portion of the line.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: All Parties